

**Annual Operating Instructions
2013
Corn Creek Allotment
Fillmore RD, Fishlake NF**

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season, which may require changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some or part of these instructions, you must contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. **Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.**

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #'s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Russell Crook	Yellow 1-226	236	Cow/Calf	6/16-10/15	236	Cow/Calf	6/16-10/15
*Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed on your grazing permit. **Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in the current grazing season and reflects stocking and/or season of use adjustments for the given year.							

Non-use:

Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested at least 30 days before the "on" date. Nonuse for personal convenience may be approved on a year-to-year basis for a maximum of three consecutive years and not more than four years in any 10-year period. Longer periods of nonuse for range protection will only be approved under a written agreement.

LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

Grazing Schedule			
Unit (Pasture)	Tentative Dates*	Days/Unit	Number of Livestock
North FK Corn Cr., Cottonwood, Lute Barney, Hell Hole	6/16-10-15	122	236
Main Corn Creek, Crazy Hollow, West FK. Corn Creek, Yellow Mare	Rest from Grazing	0	236

*The above schedule is an **estimate** and may be modified at any time if: utilization levels are met, water availability is inadequate, drought, delayed forage development or wet soil conditions.

If allowable use levels are met early in the scheduled pasture, cattle must be removed from the Forest.

Type of rotation: Two Unit rest alternating years

All livestock must be removed from the Forest by the permitted off date listed above. This means if it takes you 10 days to gather your cattle you should begin Oct 5

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: NONE

Additional instructions: This year grazing will begin when the perennial grasses reach the Flower head.

UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING

Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria

Vegetation Type	Stubble Height/Use	Comments
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Non-hydric sod forming grass species in riparian areas	1.5"	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass-Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Wheatgrass seedings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian/upland browse: Sprouts and young-aged plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Riparian/upland mature browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Upland grass/forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth.
Riparian ground cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas.	

You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to **any** of the above standards being exceeded.

Exceeding the utilization standards is considered non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections.

Additional instructions: Please keep cattle out of Leavitt's Canyon as much as possible.

BILLING

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly.

RANGE IMPROVEMENTS

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering a pasture, even in the event of non-use. Standards are found in your Term Grazing Permit or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml> . Livestock entry onto the Forest WILL be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

Fences	Length	Location
Indian Springs Fence	2.5 miles	
Head of Sunset Canyon	. 6 miles	
Corn Creek Spring Zone Fence	.3 miles and 16ft cattleguard	
Corn Creek Spring Zone Fence	.3 miles	
Corn Creek Spring Zone Fence	.4 miles	
Corn Creek Spring Zone Fence	.5 miles	

Water Improvements	Locations
Chelsea Springs Trough	
Leavitt Ranch Spring Trough	
Indian Springs Trough	
Indian Springs Trough	
Lower Big Cottonwood Trough	
Red Spring Trough	
Jim Jensen Spring Trough	
Yellow Mare Spring Trough	
Munk Spring Trough	
Lute Barney Spring Trough	
Crazy Hollow Spring Trough	
Pat Christensen Spring Trough	
Huncups Trough	
North Crazy Hollow Trough	

Facility	Locations
Crazy Hollow Springs Management Cabin	

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide except for personal use of insect repellent.

Any improvement, which is no longer functional or no longer needed, will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. The removal of any improvement must have prior approval by the District Ranger.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements will be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: You will need to work with the dedicated hunters to install these troughs to standard.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

You or the association will furnish sufficient riders or herders for proper distribution, protection and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

You are required to submit actual use information for the allotment. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the district office within two weeks of removal of livestock from the Forest

Salt and other dietary supplements are a distribution tool, and as such, should not be placed within ¼ mile of riparian areas, water troughs and ponds; within 200 ft. of designated roads, trails, trail heads or camping spots which have frequent use. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations or regenerating aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval. Salt will be removed from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Fishlake National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger. Previously grazed units must have all livestock removed from them.

All livestock feed or straw brought onto the Forest must be certified weed free per Regional Forester's Order #04-00-058, dated March 26, 1996 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml>).

Dead livestock shall be moved at least ¼ mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots.

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit shall be removed from National Forest lands and disposed of properly.